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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 3340

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS OVIP BR (TODMAN, TERENCE A)
SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: STATE 092289

1. WHILE WE CAN ONLY GIVE OUR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING FOREIGN MINISTRY'S RESPONSE TO PROPOSED DATES, WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH PROSPECT OF YOUR VISIT HERE MAY 12-14.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ONE FULL DAY YOU WILL HAVE IN BRASILIA SHOULD BE USED PRINCIPALLY FOR SERIES OF WORKING CALLS ON HIGH-LEVEL BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS. WE WOULD PROPOSE CALLS ON MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SILVEIRA), FINANCE (SIMONSEN), AND PLANNING (REIS VELLOSO). IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ITSELF, IN ADDITION TO YOUR CALL ON SILVEIRA, WE WOULD SUGGEST WORKING SESSIONS WITH THE CHIEFS OF THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT (CABRAL DE MELLO), AMERICAS DEPARTMENT (ARAUJO), AND INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT (DURARTE). CALLS ON DUARTE AND ARAUJO COULD POSSIBLY BE COMBINED IF TIME CONSTRAINTS REQUIRE. WE WOULD ALSO ENVISAGE BRIEFING AT EMBASSY ON MORNING OF MAY 13 BEFORE BEGINNING CALLS AND PRESS CONFERENCE EARLY EVENING FOLLOWING DAY'S LAST CALL. I WOULD LIKE TO HOST DINNER FOR YOU EVENING OF MAY 13, PROVIDING
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FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH BRAZILIANS.

3. YOU SHOULD COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN BROAD TERMS CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES, PROSPECTS FOR VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OR OTHER HIGH-LEVEL US VISITORS, THE OUTLOOK FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS UNDER MOU AND THE TIMING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

OF THE SUBGROUPS. IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS US VIEWS ON THE SHOE IMPORTS AND COFFEE, THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAMS AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION, AND THE STATE OF PLAY ON MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE EVENTS AND ISSUES OF KEEN INTEREST IN BRAZIL, SUCH AS CIEC AND MTN. OTHER LIKELY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD BE SUCH REGIONAL POLITICAL CONCERNS AS US RELATIONS WITH CUBA, THE IMPENDING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATUS OF CHARTER REVISION, AND HEMISPHERIC PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS PERU-CHILE-DBOLIVIA.

4. THE FOREGOING LIST IS BY NO MEANS ALL INCLUSIVE.

WE WILL DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL IN SEPTEL THE SUBJECTS THAT COULD BE RAISED BY ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER, WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW AND WITH WHICH INTERLOCUTORS THEY MIGHT BEST BE DISCUSSED.

5. WE BELIEVE VISIT SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE PRESS AS ONE IN A SERIES OF BRIEF INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION VISITS TO HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES, WITH PRIMARY GOAL OF ESTABLISHING FIRST CONTACTS WITH KEY OFFICIALS IN US-BRAZIL RELATIONS. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PLAN TO GIVE BOTH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS, AND WILL SUBMIT SUGGESTED TEXTS IN SEPTEL. IN SEPARATE MESSAGE WE WILL ALSO SUBMIT LIST OF POSSIBLE PRESS QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO IN PRESS CONFERENCE AND IN LIKELY ENCOUNTERS WITH REPORTERS DURING CALLS.

6. I HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO BE MY GUEST AT THE RESIDENCE DURING YOUR STAY IN BRASILIA.

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